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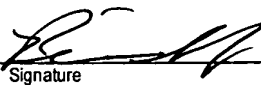
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 8627-1246 (PA-5595-PCT/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/591367
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2005/036245	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE October 5, 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED October 6, 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION A FLEXIBLE TIP		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US DARIN G. SCHAEFFER		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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